

## **Rules of Behavior Policy**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Cornelius Public Library Board is committed to providing an atmosphere where people of all ages may come to read, browse, do research, or study. This policy does not prohibit quiet conversation between patrons and/or staff members, or conversations required to conduct library business, or occasional noise level increases due to library programs held in the library. It is designed to preserve a reasonably quiet atmosphere, most of the time, where library patrons may use library services and materials without disturbance.

#### **While in the Library, PLEASE DO**

- Ask for help when you need it.
- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Keep noise to a minimum and turn off cell phones.
- Respect other users' privacy.
- Park bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, etc., outside.
- Wear footgear and shirts.
- Supervise children under the age of 10.
- Check out your library materials before leaving.

#### **PLEASE DO NOT**

- Smoke inside the library or outside near the front door
- Eat or drink in the library
- Bring pets into the library, unless they are assistive animals
- Run, engage in loud, boisterous behavior or create a public disturbance
- Be disruptive or harass patrons or staff
- Damage or deface library property
- Bring into the building large bags or bundles that create an obstacle or take up seating
- Disturb others because of poor personal hygiene
- Be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances
- Sleep or loiter
- Panhandle or solicit for sales or charity
- Conduct surveys, petitions or distribute material
- Possess weapons on the premises

Inappropriate behavior includes any activity that disturbs others, interferes with library operations, monopolizes library resources, damages the building, its furnishings or

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equipment, as well as rudeness, profanity, or any other behavior generally considered unacceptable in a public place.

This policy has been established for all patrons. If a patron is not responsive to the needs of other library users or disregards the policies protecting patrons, staff, and library property, the patron will be asked to leave the library. Any illegal activity will be reported to the Cornelius Police Department.

In addition to the above, violation of any Federal or State statute or local ordinance will be regarded as a violation of library rules. The City of Cornelius reserves the right to suspend the library privileges of any individual who willfully violates library regulations, creates disorder, or engages in illegal activity per Cornelius Municipal Code 6.220 - Trespass.